HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 123 By Baird

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shirley McGhee on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Shirley McGhee is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 40 years as a businesswoman in the health care industry; and

WHEREAS, Shirley McGhee will be taking a much deserved retirement commencing in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Shirley McGhee is an active and important part of her community and her profession; during her extensive career, she served with acumen and alacrity at La Follette Community Hospital, La Follette Nursing Home, and St. Mary's Health and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Shirley McGhee has also contributed her time and numerous talents as a Medical Center Historian; and

WHEREAS, a highly talented and creative Tennessean, Shirley McGhee is renowned as an interior decorator extraordinaire, in addition to her expertise as a craftsman and doll maker; and

WHEREAS, Shirley McGhee's reputation as a gifted artisan and designer is evidenced by her extraordinary and lovely Christmas decorations; and

WHEREAS, a self-styled artist, Shirley McGhee decorates as many as twelve spectacular Christmas trees during the holiday season, which adds to the inherent warmth of her home when celebrating with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a trusted friend and colleague to many, Shirley is a devout and faithful member of Lakeview Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McGhee exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Shirley McGhee has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and clients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Shirley McGhee, who has distinguished herself as a professional of great dedication, creative ability, and resolute integrity, our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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